



ORANGE COUNTY

Coach USA/Gray Line

Coach USA/Gray Line launched its new O.C. Experience tour, based on the popularity of FOX's TV show, "The O.C." The seven-hour trip includes shopping at Fashion Island, a 45-minute Newport Harbor Cruise, and a driving tour through the scenic coastal communities of Newport Coast and Corona del Mar. Contact: Coach USA/Gray Line, (800) 828-6699 or (714) 490-6100, www.socaltours.com.

Coast Anaheim Hotel

The Coast Anaheim Hotel is undergoing a major renovation scheduled for completion in July 2006. Once complete, the property will join the Starwood family of hotels and resorts and be renamed Sheraton Anaheim Hotel at the Anaheim Resort. All 490 guestrooms will receive major improvements including new furniture, carpet, artwork and bathroom/plumbing fixtures. New rooms will also feature 27" color TVs, refrigerators, safes and sliding-glass balcony doors. The new property will include a porte cochere, lobby décor, extensive landscaping with decorative fountains and a 1,400-square-foot fitness center. Contact: Anaheim/Orange County Visitor & Convention Bureau, (714) 765-8888, www.anaheimoc.org.

Doubletree Guest Suites Anaheim Resort/Convention Center

The new Doubletree Guest Suites Anaheim Resort/Convention Center, scheduled to open March 15, is located in the heart of Anaheim, blocks from the Disneyland Resort and within walking distance of the Anaheim Convention Center. The property features 252 guestrooms and suites, each with a microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker and two TVs, more than 7,200 square-feet of flexible meeting and banquet space for up to 550 guests, a 24-hour business center and on-site restaurant and lounge. Contact: Doubletree Guest Suites Anaheim Resort/Convention Center, (714) 750-3000, www.doubletree.com.

Fairmont Newport Beach

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts announced that it assumed management of the 444-room Sutton Place Hotel in Newport Beach in July 2005, when the property was renamed the Fairmont Newport Beach. A \$27-million renovation of the hotel's guest rooms, public areas and facilities encompassing everything from the entranceway to the gardens are expected to be complete by the end of May. Contact: Fairmont Newport Beach, (800) 441-1414 or (949) 476-2001, www.fairmont.com/newportbeach.

"Monsters, Inc." and "Turtle Talk with Crush" Highlight New Disney Attractions

The Disneyland Resort is celebrating its 50th anniversary with two new attractions at Disney's California Adventure Park. "Monsters, Inc. Mike and Sulley to the Rescue!," inspired by Disney's presentation of Pixar's "Monsters, Inc.," is an innovative ride-

through attraction that brings the characters of “Monsters, Inc.,” and the city of Monstropolis to life. Like the movie, the ride takes visitors on an exciting mission of safely returning “Boo,” a little girl who accidentally enters Monstropolis, back to her bedroom. Also new is “Turtle Talk with Crush,” an attraction that gives guests the opportunity to engage in personalized, live conversations with the animated 152-year-old surf-talking turtle from “Finding Nemo.” “Turtle Talk with Crush” uses real-time animation for live conversations, in which he asks guests about life in the human world and answers questions about his underwater world. Contact: Disneyland, (714) 781-4565, www.disneyland.com.

Montage Resort and Spa Offers Spring Family Fun

As part of its spring offerings, the Montage Resort and Spa Laguna Beach has a menu of fun for the entire family. Paintbox, the resort’s children’s center, introduces new surf and turf programs, including the new “Tidepool Tours,” that teach kids about local marine life. Paintbox also has a partnership with the Santa Ana Zoo, featuring zoo keeper-led tours “Monkeying Around at the Zoo,” followed by a visit to a nearby farm where kids can feed and pet the animals. For the adults, the Lobby Lounge launches its “Toasts and Tastes” Menu, featuring mouth watering pairings such as the Bentley Margarita served with poached prawns and candied lime salsa. Contact: Montage Resort & Spa Laguna Beach, (949) 715-6000, www.montagelagunabeach.com.

Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa

The Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa is re-emerging in 2006 with a \$65 million renovation, including extensively redesigned guest rooms, featuring the new Marriott Bed and 20 luxury suites, including two 1,500 square-foot Presidential Suites with ocean views. The hotel is also adding the new 14,000 square-foot Pure Blu, The Spa at Newport Beach, complete with poolside cabanas. Also new to the hotel and to the west coast is Sam & Harry’s, a traditional steakhouse complemented with American contemporary cuisine. Contact: Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa, (949) 640-4000, www.marriott.com.

Orange County Performing Arts Center, Fantastic Line-Up

This spring, the Orange County Performing Arts Center brings a variety of spectacular performances for a variety of tastes. For jazz fans, the SFJAZZ Collective led by Joshua Redman comes March 17 and 18. Grammy winner Cesaria Evora makes her debut at Segerstrom Hall on March 18. Evora’s repertoire includes mornas, soulful blues-like songs in Creole-Portuguese with fatalistic lyrics, and coladeiras, spirited up tempo tunes similar to the Brazilian samba. Nine-time Tony Award-winner Tommy Tune will stage and star in “Dr. Doolittle,” coming to Segerstrom Hall March 21 to April 2. Based upon Leslie Bricusse’s 1967 Oscar-winning movie, Dr. Doolittle is a musical about a veterinarian who talks to animals. Contact: Orange County Performing Arts Center, (714) 556-2787, www.ocpac.org.

Tustin Ranch Golf Club

Tustin Ranch Golf Club has completed a \$2 million clubhouse expansion, bringing its total clubhouse space to more than 21,000 square-feet. The renovation includes new

banquet and conference facility, a dedicated Player's Lounge and a larger kitchen allowing the facility to host two large events at one time. Contact: Tustin Ranch Golf Club, (714) 730-1611, www.tustinranchgolf.com.